

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Toshihiro MORITA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/974,676

GAU: 2161

FILED: October 10, 2001

EXAMINER: LU, CHARLES  
EDWARD

FOR: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND  
PROGRAM STORING MEDIUM WITH CONTROLLABLE BIT RATE  
FEATURES

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

It is hereby requested that a **one** month extension of time be granted to March 12, 2010 for

- filing a response to the Official Action dated:
- responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). A timely response to the final rejection, due February 12, 2010, has been filed.
- filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

The required fee of \$130.00 is being made by credit card payment online (if electronically filed), or is attached hereto (if paper filed), and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. 15-0030.

Respectfully Submitted,

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